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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/989,479	GRAHAM ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Victor Lesniewski	2152	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 5/26/2006 has been placed of record in the file.
2. No claims have been amended.
3. Claims 1-16 are now pending.
4. The applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-16 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. A detailed discussion is set forth below.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

5. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. The applicant's submission filed on 5/26/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. Claims 1-16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rabne et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,006,332), hereinafter referred to as Rabne, in view of Chan et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,505,300), hereinafter referred to as Chan, as presented in the previous action dated 9/19/2005.

Response to Arguments

7. In the remarks, the applicant has argued:

- <Argument 1>

The combination of Rabne and Chan does not disclose the features of claim 1 because it does not disclose a “module configured to selectively obtain content comprising data blocks” as recited in claim 1.

- <Argument 2>

The combination of Rabne and Chan does not disclose the features of claim 1 because Chan teaches only that the execution of code can be controlled and that a user-mode application must be rewritten to provide security.

8. In response to argument 1, the combination of Rabne and Chan does disclose all of the features as recited in claim 1. It is maintained that Rabne’s files meet the limitation of content comprising data blocks. Inherently, the system’s digitized data comprises data blocks. In support of argument 1, the applicant states “In contrast, the applicant teaches that individual blocks, not files, can be accessed, transmitted, and encrypted.” However, this is not a limitation of the claims. The applicant is reminded that although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

9. In response to argument 2, the combination of Rabne and Chan does disclose all of the features as recited in claim 1. The previous line citation to Chan, column 5, lines 32-55 and column 11, lines 52-62, clearly shows usage rights being enforced within an operating system kernel. Although the applicant argues that “Claim 1 only teaches the control of what a user can do with a file” and that “there is no connection between a piece of code taking an action, as disclosed in Chan, and a user taking an action, as defined in Claim 1,” it is maintained that Chan

relates to user actions. Chan clearly states the use of an access control list that includes user permissions for certain access types. Chan states "If a match is found with an allowed user or group, and the type of access desired is allowable for the user or group, a handle to the object is returned to the process, otherwise access is denied." See the citation to Chan noted above.

10. Furthermore, the applicant states that "Chan discloses that a user-mode application must be rewritten to provide security," while claim 1 teaches a method of rights enforcement "that does not require application rewrites." However, this limitation cannot be found in claim 1. Again, the applicant is reminded that although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

11. In addition, the applicant has argued that claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103, but not explicitly discussed, are allowable based on the above arguments. Thus, claims disclosing similar limitations to the discussed claims and related dependent claims remain rejected under the same reasoning as presented above.

Conclusion

12. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the application prior to the entry of the submission under 37 CFR 1.114 and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the application prior to entry under 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action after the filing of a request for continued examination and the submission under 37 CFR 1.114.

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See MPEP § 706.07(b). The applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Lesniewski whose telephone number is 571-272-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

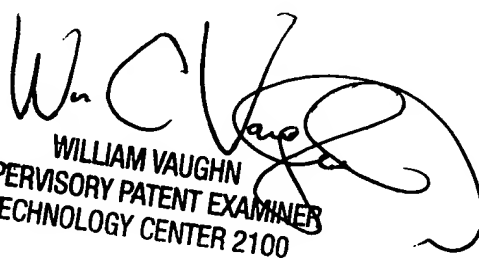
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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